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**Request for Continued
Examination (RCE)
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(BOX RCE)**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application No.	09/721,141
Filing Date	November 22, 2000
Named Inventor(s)	
Neelamadhaba Mahapatro	
Group/Art Unit	2163
Examiner Name	Irshadullah, M
Attorney Docket No.	06576-105039

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (mar. 20, 2000), 1222 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.*

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on May 24, 2002.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Attached
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time _____

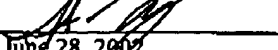
2. Fees

(The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 11-0980.
- i. ☒ RCE Fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) (\$740.00)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§ 1.136 and 1.17) If extension of time (eot) dated May 24, 2002 was entered, then current extension of time fee will be 920-400 = \$520; However, if the eot of May 24, 2002 was not entered, the current extension of time fee will be \$920.00.

Signature of Applicant, Attorney or Agent Required

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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Docket No. 06576.105039

Neelamadhaba Mahapatro

Serial No.: 09/721,141

Art Unit: 2163

Filed: November 22, 2000

For: System and Method for Generating a Schedule

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June 28, 2002

Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith are papers in the above-identified application.

- ☒ Request for Continued Examination Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.
☒ A Petition for a three-month extension of time.
☒ No additional fees for the claims upon entry of the May 24, 2002 response are required.
☐ The additional fees are calculated as shown below:

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INDEP.	3	MINUS	=		x42	\$	x84	\$	
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS						+140	\$	+280	\$
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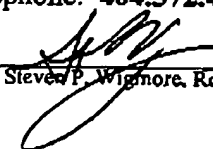
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